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WOMAN PREVENTS THUGS ROBBING BANK MESSENGERS

Grabbed the Leader of the Attacking
Band and Screamed Until Patrol-
men Arrived on Scene.

New York.—While three employees of the Jefferson bank were on their way from the branch at Linton and Houston streets to the main bank on Canal street, carrying \$43,000 cash, they were attacked on First street by three men, who jumped upon them and threw pepper in their faces, the leading thug attacking Samuel Edelman, who carried the bulk of the money, grabbing his money bag and attempting to run with it. The other thugs took care of the other messengers.

Edelman tried to shake his assailant off, but was faring badly under the pummeling when Mrs. Eva Javornicka, a waitress in a near-by restaurant, grabbed the leader of the attacking band by the arm. She screamed so loudly for help that a patrolman came running up, frightening the other two thugs away, and was right at the heels of the man who had attacked Edelman by the time he had managed to shake himself free from the waitress. The fugitive was captured.

Court Refuses to Release from Asylum
Stanford White's Murderer.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Harry K. Thaw has accepted, apparently with resignation, the decision of Supreme Court Justice Morschauser that he is still insane and that the interests of the public will be best served by denying him liberty. Pending the signing of the papers of recommitment, which probably will not be done before a week next Saturday, Thaw will occupy Sheriff Chandler's suite in the county building here. In the meantime, an effort will be made by Thaw's attorneys to induce District Attorney Jerome to consent to the commitment of the prisoner to one of the state hospitals other than Matteawan.

Funeral of Governor Sparks.

Reno, Nev.—In the presence of thousands of mourners the funeral of the late Governor John Sparks of Nevada was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock on the portico of the Elks' home in this city. The services were conducted by the officers of the Elks' lodge. Supreme Judge Frank H. Norcross delivered a beautiful eulogy over the remains. All business houses in the city were closed and the entire city draped in mourning. Special trains brought hundreds of people to Reno to witness the funeral and all trains from the southern and eastern portions of the state were crowded with people anxious to pay respect to the memory of John Sparks.

Shoots Woman Who Refuses to
Elope With Him.

Portland, Ore.—J. F. Blum, a teamster, on Sunday shot and killed Mrs. Daisy Hickey, wife of a butcher, employed in a packing plant at Troutdale. Blum then shot himself dead. The tragedy occurred in a lodging house in this city. Blum, it is alleged, wanted the woman to elope with him and her refusal caused the crime. Beside her husband, Mrs. Hickey left two children who were at Sunday school when she was killed. Blum left a wife and two children at Baker City, Ore.

Charged With Many Murders.

South Bend, Ind.—James Brinning, 40, is under arrest at Dowagiac, Mich., charged with six murders. The police say he has already confessed to two, and Prosecutor Brennan is confident the prisoner will admit the other crimes. His arrest followed an alleged attempt to make his wife his seventh victim. She escaped and appealed to the police. The police say he confessed to killing a man in Kansas, whom he had a grudge against, and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Johnson Says Campaign Publicity
Measure Would Defeat Taft.

Norfolk, Va.—Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, while in Norfolk, denounced the Crumpacker amendment to the campaign contribution publicity bill passed by the house Saturday, and he declared that if the senate passed it he does not see how the president can conscientiously sign it. "It is a bad bill," said Governor Johnson. "If it passes the senate and becomes a law by the president's signature, I believe it will defeat the nomination of Secretary Taft for the presidency."

Princess Elopes With Plebeian.

Vienna.—The Austrian princess whose elopement a few days ago caused a great sensation in Vienna is said here to be Princess Amelie Louise, sister of Prince Emile Egon von Furstenberg, head of the Koenigsbrunn branch of the Furstenberg family. It is declared that she ran away with a man named Kozian, the local agent of an automobile company. The police are actively at work trying to locate the fugitives. The princess is 24 years old. The family has large holdings in Bohemia and a residence in Vienna.

GOVERNOR SPARKS LOSES IN FIGHT WITH DEATH

Nevada's Governor Passes Away After
Long Illness Due to Great Nervous
Strain and Overwork.

Reno, Nevada.—Surrounded by his wife, three sons and daughter, Governor John Sparks, conscious to the last, sank to death at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

But a moment before his death the governor said: "I do not fear death; I have done my best; I am tired and am ready to go. Good-bye." These were his last words.

The illness which culminated in the governor's death was directly due to overwork and nervous strain, attendant upon the extra session of Nevada's legislature late last fall.

Governor Sparks was born in Mississippi, August 30, 1843, and came to this state in 1863, engaging in stock raising. He owned large cattle ranges in Nevada and Texas, as well as a large cotton plantation in Texas. He was elected governor in 1902, and again in 1906, by large majorities. Lieutenant Governor D. W. Dickerson is now governor of Nevada. He came to Nevada eight years ago.

GUARANTY FUND DRAWN UPON.

Oklahoma Banking Law Causes Joy
to Depositors.

Guthrie, Okla.—Within one hour from the time H. H. Smock, Oklahoma banking commissioner, had taken charge of the International Bank of Colgate, for alleged violation of the banking laws, he had authority to pay the depositors in full, though the bank's cash and available funds in other banks fell \$22,000 short of the total amount of deposits. The commissioner was enabled to do this under the operation of the new banking law, and this is the first time it has been called into use. When the cash was exhausted the commissioner drew checks upon the state guaranty fund. Under the operation of the guaranty banking law in Oklahoma, a tax of 1 per cent is levied upon the average annual deposits of all state banks, and the money thus raised is used in payment in full of all depositors of an insolvent state bank after the funds of the bank have been exhausted.

CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY.

Bill That Would Have Effect of Reduc-
ing Congressional Representation
in South.

Washington.—The bill requiring publicity for campaign contributions was passed by the house on Friday by a vote of 160 to 125, with the Crumpacker amendment added.

The amendment would have the effect of reducing congressional representation in the southern states. It is believed the bill will not pass the senate.

The bill provides for publicity of contributions made for the purpose of influencing elections at which representatives in congress are elected, with what is known as the Crumpacker amendment, prohibiting fraud in registrations and providing data for a reduction of representation among the states.

Case Regarded as Closed.

Washington.—No action looking toward the expulsion of Representative George L. Lilley of Connecticut from the house is contemplated. When the special commission appointed by Speaker Cannon to investigate the charges brought by Mr. Lilley against the Electric Boat company submitted its report to the house last Tuesday and more so after the report had been read on the floor the next day, there was much speculation as to the probable outcome. The severity with which Mr. Lilley was handled in the committee's findings gave color to a report that these were to be made the basis of a resolution of expulsion.

Coal Miners of Southwest Will Return
to Work.

Kansas City.—Thirty-five thousand coal miners of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, members of the United Mine Workers of America, who have been on strike since March 1st, will return to work at once. The convention of miners of these states here on Friday ratified and signed the agreement reached by the joint subcommittee of the miners and operators late Friday night. Prices and conditions are to remain the same as they were last year.

To Entertain Wives of Delegates.

Chicago.—In order that the city may entertain in a proper manner the wives and daughters of the delegates who will come to the Republican National convention, members of the Chicago Women's clubs are making their plans on a wide scale. A committee of four, with Catherine Vaughn McCulloch at its head, has written to Chairman Upham of the local committee offering entertainment for the fair sex, particularly the wives and daughters of the delegates and the members of the national committee.

Scandal Forces Kansas Pastor to Ten-
der Resignation.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Something of a sensation was caused here on Friday when it was announced that Rev. R. A. Ellwood, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Leavenworth, had tendered his resignation to the elders of the church to take effect at once. The resignation which was accepted, was admitted by the elders to be the result of charges preferred against the pastor by the mother of a young girl in the church, who laid before the elders letters which her daughter had received from the pastor.

SIXTEEN INJURED IN AIRSHIP ACCIDENT

Trial Trip of Largest Airship Ever
Constructed Ends in a Most
Frightful Disaster.

Ten Thousand Spectators Stand Help-
less and Witness Monster Flying
Machine's Fall of 300 Feet. All
of Occupants Being Injured.

Oakland, Cal.—The great Morrell airship, the largest ever constructed, burst on its trial trip when 300 feet in the air above a crowd of 10,000 spectators at Berkeley at 11:40 o'clock Saturday. The sixteen men who made the ascension with the big craft were dashed to the ground, and every one of them more or less injured. Broken legs and arms and internal injuries were suffered by most of them, and it is believed that two will die.

The accident was a most spectacular one. A great crowd had gathered about the vacant lot where the big gas bag had been inflated with 500,000 cubic feet of illuminating gas, to watch the trial trip of the airship. There were sixteen persons, five of them engineers in charge of the five gasoline engines, several newspaper photographers, the inventor of the airship, C. A. Morrell, and an Australian aeronaut.

Rising slowly under the power from five gasoline engines, the great airship lifted to a height of probably 300 feet. Suddenly there was a ripping, roaring sound, and the forward end of the airship tilted downward and it began to settle slowly to the ground. The occupants of the airship clung desperately to the rigging, while the crowd of 10,000 people or more were panic-stricken before what appeared to be impending disaster to sixteen men. As the airship settled toward the ground, several of the man leaped and a number were seriously injured in the fall. Others stayed with the craft until it reached the ground and they, too, were injured by the heavy engines and the superstructure of the airship.

Inventor Attempts to Descend on Ball
Ground and Causes Panic.

Toledo, O.—Roy Knabenshue and his new airship, capable of carrying three passengers, met with disaster upon the occasion of its second flight, on Saturday. Knabenshue attempted to alight in the baseball park where a game was going on, but his machine became unmanageable and hit the fence back of the bleachers, carrying consternation to the crowd. Propellers and gear were badly damaged and the airship will be out of commission for several days.

Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming
Granted Funds for Public Buildings.

Washington.—Conferees upon the omnibus public building bill reached an agreement and submitted their report to the senate Saturday evening. The conferees allowed \$175,000 for enlarging the Salt Lake building, permitting \$40,000 of the amount to be expended for additional land for the site. They also retained the items of \$25,000 for building and site at Park City and \$20,000 increase in the cost limit of the Logan building.

Idaho items are: Boise, \$125,000 for enlarging building, and Pocatello \$10,000 for site.

Nevada holds \$75,000 for site and building. Wyoming was given an increase of \$85,000 over the amount carried by the bill, as it came from the house. The items retained are: Rock Spring, \$75,000 for building; and site; Lander, \$115,000 for building; Casper and Douglas each \$10,000.

Ask President to Appoint Salt Lake
as Commissioner to Tokio Fair.

Salt Lake City.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Members of the Utah delegation on Saturday called upon President Roosevelt with Hoyt Sherman of Salt Lake City, and urged his appointment as one of the commissioners to the international world's fair at Tokio. The president said the endorsement of Mr. Sherman would be given consideration, and suggested that the delegation take the matter up with Secretary Root personally, which was done.

Bouquet Worth \$4,198.71.

Chicago.—The most valuable bunch of blossoms ever handed as a gift to a person was received Saturday by Mother Loretta of the House of the Good Shepherd in this city. The value was \$4,198.71 in cash. The bouquet, composed of gorgeous multi-colored sweetpeas, was presented by a delegation of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Good Shepherd, headed by Mrs. P. Cavanaugh. Forming an integral part of the bouquet, but hidden among the petals, was a certified check for \$4,198.71.

War Department Has Protests Con-
cerning Sunday Games.

Washington.—Protests against Sunday baseball playing continue to be received by the war department, mostly from clergymen. The outcome of the protests, however, is simply a renewal of the decision that the best interests of the military service demand that games such as baseball be allowed to be played on Sunday by troops on military reservations, particularly where these reservations do not come into immediate contact with the surrounding civil community.

FIVE THOUSAND HOMELESS RESULT OF HIGH WATERS

Immense Area in Texas and Okla-
homa Inundated, Much Sorrow and
Suffering Resulting.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Seven people are known to be dead, 5,000 are homeless, a dozen or more are reported to have been killed in Fort Worth and North Fort Worth as a result of the greatest rise in the history of the Trinity river, which, beginning at 1:30 o'clock Saturday evening, reached a climax at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Five of the deaths occurred Sunday and two Saturday.

Mayor W. D. Hart of Fort Worth issued a proclamation calling upon the unfortunate citizens to help the homeless.

Muskogee, Okla.—Not a railroad in Oklahoma is in operation, as a result of the heavy rains and cloudbursts that have occurred in various parts of the state. The last road to suspend operations was the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, which was forced to quit at noon Sunday, when the bridge on the main line at Eufula went down.

All West Guthrie is inundated, with from seven to ten feet of water rushing through the streets. The Cottonwood river is within four feet of the highwater mark registered on May 6, 1897. Residents of the lowlands, fearing a recurrence of the 1897 floods, when seven or eight people in the valley lost their lives, began leaving their homes Sunday night and as far as possible transported their household effects to the higher ground, some distance from the channel of the stream.

So far as known no one has been drowned, though the river is twenty feet higher than normal and has spread over the wide valley for miles. The property loss will be great, crops of all kinds being washed out.

Houses Unroofed by Storm.

Austin, Tex.—A terrific wind and rainstorm swept Texas from the Panhandle to the gulf on Sunday. The destruction to crops and vegetation, trees and shrubbery was the greatest reported for years. In numerous places houses were unroofed and small villages and hamlets in many instances were inundated by the terrific rainfall, which in the space of four hours reached seven inches in many sections. Austin was in the path of the worst of the storm and for hours the streets were impassable for either man or beast. Electric light and telephone connections were disabled beyond immediate repair and many houses were unroofed. The agricultural sections of central and southern Texas have been immeasurably damaged, according to general reports received here.

Evangelism Among Laboring Men.

Kansas City.—Presbyterian evangelism among laboring men was the theme of the address at a great mass meeting for men at convention hall on Sunday, delivered by the Rev. Charles Stelzele, superintendent of the Presbyterian committee of church and labor; Governor Folk of Missouri and John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor. The Rev. Dr. Stelzele made a personal invitation to every union labor man in the city. Non-union men were specially invited and a magnificent audience greeted the speakers.

Sought Shelter Under Tree and Was
Struck by Lightning.

St. Louis.—W. P. Howard, a wealthy commission merchant of this city, was struck and instantly killed by lightning during a heavy electrical and rainstorm which swept over St. Louis Sunday afternoon. Mr. Howard, who was a member of the Glen Echo Golf club, an exclusive golf club with links located in the western part of the city, had been playing golf and sought the shelter of a tree when it began to rain. The lightning ran down the tree, killing him instantly.

Fatal Frisco Street Car Accident.

San Francisco.—Two crowded trolley cars collided at Divisadero and Sacramento streets at the foot of a steep hill shortly after noon Sunday, killing Henry Baer, a traveling salesman, and injuring twenty other passengers, one fatally and several seriously. The injured were taken to the St. Francis hospital near the scene of the accident, where it is believed all excepting one, a child, will recover. The car on the Divisadero street got beyond control of the motorman and dashed down the hill with terrific speed.

Enlarged Homestead Bill Shelved.

Washington.—The Mondell-Smoot enlarged homestead bill was killed for this session of congress by the house, which voted against agreeing to the conference report upon it and refusing to send the bill back to conference. When the vote refusing to return the bill to conference was announced, Representative Reeder of Kansas, leader of the opposition, asked recognition to lay the bill on the table. Speaker Cannon came to the rescue of the western men by not recognizing Reeder.

Insane Farmer Stabs Priest.

Salisbury, Mo.—Rev. Father Joseph F. Lubeley, aged 33 years, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Salisbury, was stabbed twice with a pocket knife and perhaps fatally injured, in church Sunday morning, by Joseph Schuette, a prosperous farmer, living near here, who is believed to have become suddenly demented. The stabbing occurred in view of 400 worshippers, many of them women. The injured man was taken to a nearby residence, where his wounds were attended to by physicians.

FIFTY KILLED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT

Express Train Crashed Into Train
Loaded With Pilgrims on Their
Way to a Shrine.

Accident is Supposed to Have Been
Due to a Misplaced Switch, the
Cars Being Telescoped and
Shattered to Matchwood.

Antwerp.—A railroad accident of unprecedented horror in the annals of Belgian train disasters occurred Thursday morning at Contich, a station six miles southeast of Antwerp, on the main line. An express train from Antwerp to Brussels crashed into a train loaded with pilgrims on their way to a local shrine. This train was standing on a siding. Several of its cars were telescoped and shattered to matchwood. The total number of dead is placed at fifty and the wounded at over 100.

Rescuers from Contich were at once on the scene, and the labor of succoring the injured and removing the dead was conducted with all possible haste. Special trains with doctors, priests and nurses were sent to Contich from Antwerp and Brussels. The accident is supposed to have been due to a misplaced switch. The engineer and the fireman of the express train were killed outright.

WILL SOLVE CURRENCY PROBLEM

Senate Adopts Joint Resolution Cre-
ating Monetary Commission.

Washington.—The senate on Thursday adopted a joint resolution reported by Mr. Aldrich from the committee on finance creating a commission to be called the national monetary commission, to be composed of nine senators to be appointed by the presiding officer of the senate, and nine representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house, to inquire into and report to congress at the earliest date practicable what changes are desirable or necessary in the monetary situation of the United States or in the laws relating to banking and currency, and for this purpose the commission is authorized to sit during sessions or in the recess of congress at such times and places as they may deem desirable.

No Reduction in Prices of Steel.

New York.—E. H. Gory, chairman of the board of directors of the United States steel corporation, has given out the following statement: "At a meeting on Thursday of representatives of the principal manufacturers of steel in this country the opinion was expressed by each one present that the prices of steel are reasonable and should not be reduced; that reduced prices would not increase purchases, and that most of their customers do not expect or desire any change. The opinion was unanimous that the meetings should be discontinued for the summer months, unless the chairman should deem it advisable to meet any time for reasons which do not now appear."

Fullerton Elected Moderator.

Kansas City.—Rev. Dr. Baxter P. Fullerton of St. Louis was elected moderator of the Presbyterian church in the United States on Thursday to succeed Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts of Philadelphia. The first day of the general assembly of the church was characterized by a spirit of unity and cooperation, which promises much for the results to be accomplished during the ten days the conference is to be in session. Rev. Fullerton was not opposed in his candidacy for the office of moderator.

Platt Case Ended.

New York.—Mae C. Wood, whose suit for an absolute divorce from United States Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York has been on trial in the supreme court here for several days, was committed to the Tombs prison late Thursday, after Justice O'Gorman had dismissed the complaint in her action and ordered her held in \$5,000 bail on a charge of perjury. This sensational and dramatic climax to the Omaha woman's suit against the aged senator came after a day in which the defense had attacked the authenticity of the famous letters.

Life Sentence for Murderess of Ruth
Miller.

Kansas City.—Mrs. Sarah Morasch, aged forty-eight years, was on Thursday found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in Kansas City, Kans., which tried her on the charge of poisoning four-year-old Ruth Miller. The woman will be sentenced to life imprisonment. The little girl died from the effects of eating poisoned candy, which the woman sent through the mails to the child's fourteen-year-old sister, against whom she held a grudge.

Jurors in Ruff Case Failed to Agree.

San Francisco.—After being out for forty and one-half hours the jury in the trial of Abraham Ruff, the former political boss of San Francisco and the central figure in the bribery-graft prosecution, against whom wholesale indictments were returned, failed to agree upon a verdict and was discharged. The specific charge against Ruff in the trial just closed was the offer of a bribe of \$1,000 to former Supervisor Jennings Phillips to influence his vote favorably upon an electric railroad franchise.

CONNECTICUT CONGRESSMAN IS SCORED BY COMMITTEE

Submarine Boat Scandal is Held to
Be Baseless and Lilley is De-
nounced as a Traitor by
Williams.

Washington.—The conclusions of the special committee which has been investigating the charges of Representative Lilley of Connecticut, that members of the house had been improperly influenced in connection with submarine torpedo boat legislation, that Mr. Lilley had violated his obligations as a member and had acted in bad faith with the committee and in contempt of the house, were sustained on Wednesday by the house by a vote of 157 to 82. Five hours of the session were devoted to the case, four of which were consumed in reading the report.

The Connecticut members joined in voting against the resolution by which the house adopted the conclusions of the committee as its own. Mr. Williams of Mississippi denounced Mr. Lilley as being guilty of treason, for which he said he should be expelled. It was a noticeable fact that the five members of the special committee, Messrs. Boutell, Olmstead, Stevens, Broussard and Howard, sat together throughout the proceedings, and that none of them submitted any remarks in connection with the report.

TRAGIC ENDING OF EXCURSION.

Seven Young People Drowned When
Gasoline Launch Went Down.

Clarendon, Ark.—Seven prominent young society people were drowned Wednesday night when the tank of a gasoline launch, in which they were going for a moonlight excursion, exploded, wrecking the boat. Other members of the party were rescued with difficulty. The boat left Clarendon early in the evening, bearing a merry party, who had planned to go several miles down the river. When about five miles below Clarendon the tank of the launch exploded, wrecking the boat and hurling the occupants into the river, which, at this point, more than fifty feet from shore, is very deep. Few could swim, and some were stunned by the force of the explosion, and went down before swimmers in the party could make an effort at rescue.

Careless Workmen Cause Accident.

Chicago.—The retail furniture store of John A. Colby & Sons was badly wrecked on Wednesday, one woman fatally injured and several others slightly hurt by an explosion of gas. Some workmen who were making repairs in the cellar left a lighted candle close to the gas meter, and a terrific explosion followed. The windows of the building on the first, second and third floors were blown out, the first floor was torn up and much furniture badly damaged. The damage to store and contents is estimated at \$5,000.

Fatal Balloon Ascension.

Rio Janeiro.—A fatal balloon ascension was made here Wednesday by Lieutenant Fonseca of the Brazilian army. The lieutenant came out from France recently with a military balloon and completed his preparations for his first ascension before the military school. Fonseca entered the car and was completing his final preparations when a strong gust of wind obliged the men who were holding the guy ropes to let go. The balloon shot into the air a distance of 3,000 feet and suddenly fell, the lieutenant being crushed to death.

Hundreds of Lives Endangered by
Black Hand Outrage.

New York.—The refusal of a wealthy Italian physician to comply with the demands of the black-hand criminals for money resulted in endangering the lives of a hundred persons, when a bomb was exploded at the tenement house at 316 East Eleventh street on Wednesday. Four persons were injured and the other occupants of the house rushed into the street in a panic, while doors and beams which had been twisted out by the explosion tumbled all around them.

Michigan is for Bryan.

Lansing, Mich.—William J. Bryan has been endorsed by the state Democratic convention and the Michigan delegation to the national convention instructed to vote for him under the unit rule until he is nominated for the presidency. The instruction was by unanimous vote of the convention and at no time during the sessions did the slightest opposition to Mr. Bryan develop. For delegates at large to the national convention the following were chosen: John T. Winship, Woodbridge N. Ferris, Charles H. Kimmerle, Edward Ryan.

Bank Robbery Still a Mystery.

Salt Lake City.—The grand jury appointed by the United States court five weeks ago made a partial report of its investigation on Wednesday. The jury returned eight indictments. The jury's report did not disclose to the public the result of the inquiry into the robbery of the Utah National bank in January, when \$106,250 was stolen from the reserve chest. On this case the jury has been working more than four weeks and has had before it a large number of witnesses. The jury will meet again on June 16.